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SUBJ: ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO WEST BANK

SUMMARY; WEST BANK MAYOR WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED
FROM TRIP TO KUWAIT, SAID HE HAS RECEIVED FUNDS
FROM LOCAL CITIZENS NOW RESIDING IN GULF STATES;
ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK IN AMMAN, AND HAS HOPES
OF LARGE-SCALE ASSISTANCE FROM DESIGNATED TWIN
CITY. END SUMMARY.

1. MAYOR MULHIM OF HALHUL BRIEFED US ON HIS RECENT
TRIP TO KUWAIT IN CONNECTION WITH TWIN CITY PROJECT.
HE SAID HE TOLD HIS HOSTS THAT HE WAS NOT A BEGGAR
AND EXPLAINED WHY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO WEST BANKERS
WAS IN THEIR OWN LONG-TERM INTEREST.

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2. LEADING PROFESSIONAL HALHULIS RESIDENT IN
KUWAIT HAD FORMED CLUB AND HAD RAISED JD 6,000.
MULHIM SAID HE HAD ALSO BEEN OFFERED SUMS BY
VARIOUS HALHUL NATIVES WHEN THEY LEARNED OF HIS
PRESENCE BUT HE HAD INSISTED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS
BE MADE THROUGH HALHUL CLUB.

3. MAIN SOURCE OF AID WOULD BE THROUGH ADOPTION BY TWIN CITY OF EL ACHMADI OF ONE OR MORE PROJECTS ON LIST MULHIM HAD BROUGHT WITH HIM. HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY SENIOR KUWAITI OFFICIALS THAT ONE PROJECT DECIDED UPON, THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY RAISING FUNDS FOR IT. (EXAMPLE CITED WAS METHOD USED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ALGERIANS IN PRE-INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE.)

4. ON HIS WAY HOME, MULHIM STOPPED IN AMMAN AND RECEIVED LOAN OF JD 9,000 FROM ARAB DEVELOPMENT BANK. THIS SUM, PLUS JD 6,000 FROM HALHULIS WAS BASIS OF NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT HE HAD RETURNED WITH JD 15,000.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MULHIM HAD TO RETURN BEFORE PROJECT SELECTED AND MONEY RAISED, HE SEEMED SANGUINE ON BOTH POINTS. HOWEVER, HE RECOUNTED ONE MEETING WITH LEADING KUWAITIS WHEN HE INQUIRED IF PROMISED KUWAITI CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR REPAIR AND UP KEEP AL AQSA MOSQUE HAD BEEN PAID AND HIS HOST HAD RATHER SHEEPISLY ADMITTED IT HAD NOT.
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